

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/075,722

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

James H. Blackwell

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to RCE filed 05/21/2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-15.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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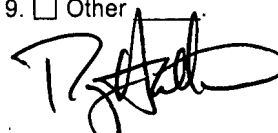
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- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
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4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
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7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other


Doug Hutton
Primary Examiner

DETAILED ACTION

1. This Office Action is in response to an amendment filed 05/21/2007, which is in response to a Decision on Appeal mailed 03/19/2007.
2. Claims 1-5, 8-21, 23, and 24 were appealed.
3. The Examiner was affirmed on Claims 1-3, 5, 8-11, 13-15, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, and 24.
4. The Examiner was reversed on Claims 4, 12, 16, 21, and 23.
5. Claims 1, 3-5, 8-10, 15-17, 19, and 21-24 remain pending.
6. Claims 2, 11-14, 18, and 20 were cancelled.
7. independent Claim 1 was amended to incorporate the limitations of dependent Claim 12; dependent Claim 4 was amended to incorporate the limitations of independent Claim 1 and dependent Claim 2, and rewritten into independent form; dependent Claim 16 was amended to incorporate the limitations of independent Claim 13 and dependent Claim 14 and rewritten into independent form; dependent Claim 21 was amended to incorporate the limitations of independent Claim 18, and dependent Claim 20, and rewritten into independent form.

8. In addition, dependent Claim 3 was amended so that it now depends on the new independent Claim 4; dependent Claim 15 was amended so that it now depends on the new independent Claim 14; dependent Claim 17 was amended so that it now depends on new independent Claim 16; dependent Claim 19 was amended so that it now depends on new independent Claim 21. The remaining dependent claims are unchanged.

Allowable Subject Matter

9. Claims 1, 3-5, 8-10, 15-17, 19, and 21-24 are allowed.

Conclusion


10. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to James H. Blackwell whose telephone number is 571-272-4089. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri.

11. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Heather R. Herndon can be reached on 571-272-4136. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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